

REMARKS

Claim 42 is pending. Claims 1 and 41 are canceled.

Claim 42 is amended to delete Formulae I(a) through I(d). Claim 42 is further amended to be in independent form and to insert Markush group language. No new matter is introduced.

The rejections with respect to Claim 42 are addressed below. The rejections with respect to Claims 1 and 41 are considered moot because of the cancellation of these claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 42 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite because of the "selected from" terminology. Applicants submit that the rejection has been overcome by the amendment inserting standard Markush group terminology submitted herein, and request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 42 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as having been anticipated by either *Kuder* et al. in J. Org. Chem., vol. 44, no.5, 761-766 ("Kuder") or U.S. patent 6,004,709 ("Renfer"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Kuder describes the oxidation of triphenylmethane compounds. The compounds tested are listed in Figure 1 on page 762. None of the triarylmethanes recited in Applicants' Claim 42, as amended, is shown in *Kuder*.

Renfer discloses allyloxymethylated polyamides which are useful in overcoats applied to the charge transport layer of electrophotographic imaging members. *Renfer* further discloses that a stabilizer may be added to the overcoating solution. The stabilizers disclosed are bis-(2-methyl-4-diethylaminophenyl)-phenylmethane ("BDETPM") and bis-[2-methyl-4-(N-2-hydroxyethyl-N-ethylaminophenyl)]-phenylmethane ("DHTPM"). None of Applicants' triarylmethane compounds I(e) through I(p), as recited in Claim 42, as amended, is the same as *Renfer*'s BDETPM or DHTPM.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither of these references discloses Applicants' claimed compounds, as recited in Claim 42, as amended, and request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the above referenced pending application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claim 42 is therefore earnestly solicited.

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This paper is filed timely as of April 24, 2006, Applicants respectfully urge, by operation of 37 C.F.R. §1.7 in that the period for reply would have expired on Sunday March 23, 2006, and Monday April 24 is the first day thereafter that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in the District of Columbia.

Should the Examiner have any questions about the contents of this paper or the status of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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